

THE BEE SQUAD

Boosting biodiversity in your neighbourhood
JUDY FRIEDLANDER

- Full of simple, fun activities for kids to support biodiversity
- Inspired by the successful B&B Highway program – ‘Bed and Breakfasts for Birds, Bees and Biodiversity’ in 130 schools, community centres and organisations across Australia
- PlantingSeeds’s B&B Highway program has been awarded one of the inaugural Australian Geographic Awards for Nature
- Written and designed for children, parents and teachers alike
- Teacher’s notes available with activities and curriculum Key Learning Areas

Age range 8 to 12

Children around Australia are taking charge. Come and join the revolution!

From Dunsborough on the coast of Western Australia to Sydney’s suburbs, young people are discovering nature in their neighbourhoods and setting up nesting boxes for birds, cleaning up waterways, planting to attract bees and koalas and building insect hotels. They’re learning about the amazing native species around them and finding ways to protect them.

The Bee Squad inspires you to take part in these exciting adventures and projects that support threatened species by doing things like:

- learning how to put together a nature sleuth toolkit
- planting to attract pollinators
- using the tally sheet to record flora and fauna sightings
- following the tips to ace your wildlife photography

The best part is, you don’t need to live near a national park or protected area to get involved – you can make a difference from your balcony, backyard, local park or school.

‘A book that will send kids out into the wilderness with fresh perspective and appreciation for this world of ours.’ – Danielle Binks, author of *The Year the Maps Changed*

‘*The Bee Squad* is a fantastic introduction for junior scientists. It’s inspiring to read about what discoveries have already been made by students and how citizen science has enabled observations in nature to have real world impact.’ – Andre Zerger, Director, Atlas of Living Australia, CSIRO



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NewSouth | PB | 192pp | 215x153mm |
AUS\$27.99 | NZ\$32.99

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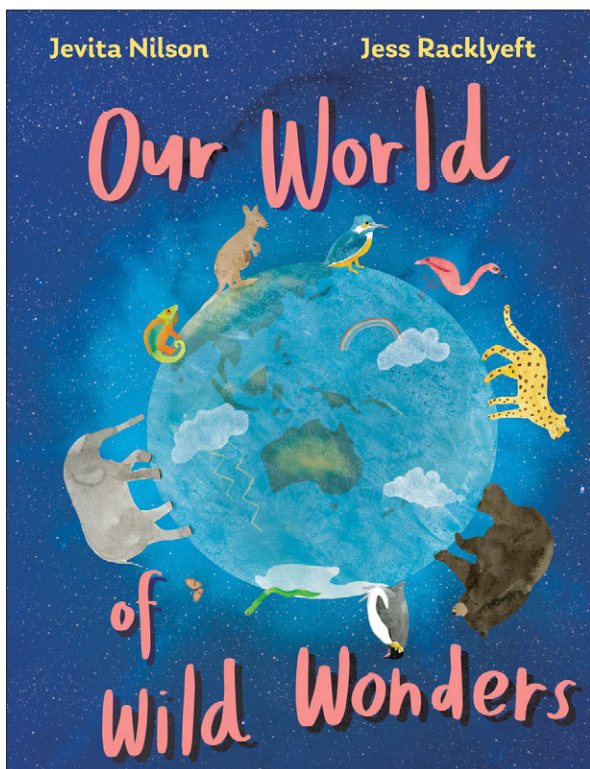


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(Sydney)



About the author:

Judy Friedlander is the founder of PlantingSeeds Projects, the environmental organisation whose flagship program is the B&B Highway. The B&B Highway (Bed and Breakfasts for Bees, Birds and Biodiversity) is an educational and practical program that links hundreds of B&Bs at schools in four Australian states to form regenerative corridors. Judy is also a University of Technology Sydney Adjunct Fellow.



OUR WORLD OF WILD WONDERS

JEVITA NILSON, ILLUSTRATED BY JESS RACKLYEFT

- Jevita and Jess previously combined their incredible talents to produce *Our World Full of Wonder* from CSIRO Publishing, which will be featured in the Dymocks Christmas catalogue and the Collins Booksellers Christmas Reading Guide
- Uses a lyrical narrative, vibrant illustrations and interesting facts to encourage kids to learn more about Earth's wildlife.
- Provides strong alignment with the school curriculum in the areas of English and Science
- Has broad appeal to both younger children as a read-aloud book and primary children who take an interest in non-fiction texts

Age range 5 to 9

Earth's wildlife is nothing short of extraordinary. There are colour-changing chameleons in the forests of Madagascar and cliff-climbing goats in the European Alps.

There are fluorescent fish in the depths of the Mariana Trench and wildfire-surviving echidnas in the Australian bush.

Our World of Wild Wonders explores the unique animal species that inhabit our planet. Some mighty, some meek, but all wondrous in their own special way.

Shall we go explore?



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9781486318667 | February 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 280x215mm | AUS\$24.99 | NZ\$29.99



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Boorloo (Perth); Naarm (Melbourne)

About the author and illustrator:



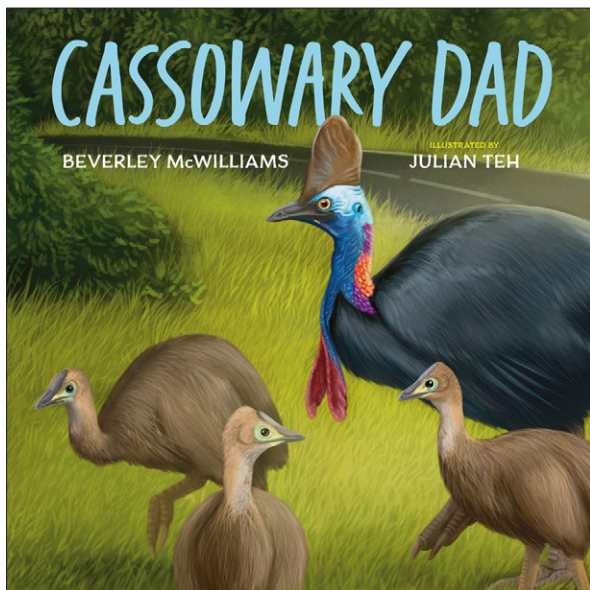
Jevita Nilson is a children's author with a love for nature, words and all things wondrous. Based in Perth, she writes heartfelt lyrical fiction and non-fiction picture books to inspire curious kids.



Jess Racklyeft is an author and illustrator based in Melbourne. She particularly loves illustrating plants and animals and sharing her love of the Australian bush. She is the illustrator of *Iceberg* (Allen & Unwin), which won Picture Book of the Year in the 2022 CBCA Awards, and *The Forgotten Song* (CSIRO Publishing, 2023) (Notable Book, The CBCA Awards 2024).

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CASSOWARY DAD

BEVERLEY MCWILLIAMS, ILLUSTRATED BY JULIAN TEH

- Explores the fascinating world of the Southern Cassowary
- Features the role of the cassowary 'dad' and his importance in raising a family. Will be a great tie in for Father's Day
- Showcases the gentle side of one of the world's most dangerous birds
- Highlights the relationships between the cassowary, plants, conservation and natural events

Age range 5 to 9

Tap, tap, CRACK!
Three stripy chicks hatch...

After patiently incubating his mate's eggs, Cassowary Dad must raise the chicks alone. Cassowary Dad nurtures, teaches and protects his chicks. But looking after three chicks is not easy. When a cyclone tears through their rainforest home, will this devoted dad be able to save his family? A heart-warming tale about the magnificent Australian cassowary.



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9781486317578 | February 2025 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AUS\$26.99 | NZ\$32.99



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Tarntanya (Adelaide); Ngambri (Canberra)



About the author and illustrator:

Beverley McWilliams writes non-fiction and historical fiction for children. She has a passion for Australian animals and hopes her books will spark an interest in native species. Committee member of SCBWI (South Australia), Member of the ASA and CBCA.

Julian Teh is a Canberra-based scientific illustrator, and the illustrator of *On the Trail of the Plains-wanderer* (CSIRO Publishing, 2022) (Shortlisted, The Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature 2023: Non-Fiction). Fuelled by a lifelong passion for birds, he uses his paintings to tell the stories of his birding experiences.



CREATURE CORRIDORS

BILLIE ROONEY, ILLUSTRATED BY ANKE NOACK

- Discover the fascinating use of wildlife corridors to provide safe pathways and improved habitats
- See how animals live and move in their local environments
- Understand how human development can impact animal survival and biodiversity, and see the challenges and risks wildlife face due to this

Age range 5 to 9

Creatures are on the move!

Wild animals often travel to find food, shelter or a place to breed. But this is becoming more difficult and dangerous, as construction and land clearing are affecting their habitat.

Creature Corridors follows kangaroos, koalas, birds, fish, crabs, cassowaries and lizards through wildlife corridors that exist across forests, rivers and seas. These corridors provide paths and spaces for them to move around safely. Discover how we can share our world with animals in this delightful and engaging story.

‘It is the type of fun and effortless environmental learning our kids need more of.’ – Tandi Spencer-Smith, Head of Communications & Partnership, Great Eastern Range



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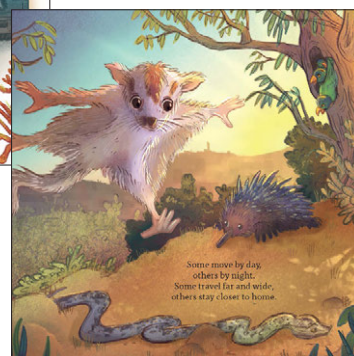


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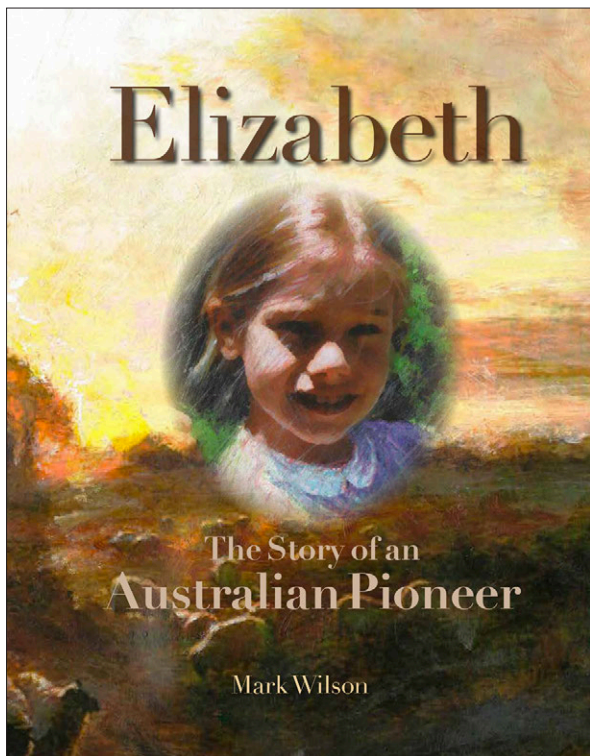
Braidwood, NSW;
Fitzroy North, VIC



About the author and illustrator:

Billie Rooney is an environmental educator and writer who is inspired by children's curiosity about the world around them. Billie loves the magic of rivers, mountains, wide open spaces and the sea, which inspires her picture books and middle grade fiction. She is a member of SCBWI, ASA, CBCA and Writers NSW.

Anke Noack is an award-winning illustrator and artist best known for her vibrant illustration style. She enjoys creating imaginative worlds full of adventure and magic.



ELIZABETH

The Story of an Australian Pioneer

MARK WILSON

- Narrative non fiction
- Australian history
- Celebration of the history of wool production in Australia
- Strong female historical character
- Ideal for middle to upper primary study of History, Society and Environment

Age range 8+

Elizabeth Macarthur was a true Australian pioneer. This book celebrates her life and achievements, as well as the many setbacks she endured. In a society that was dominated by men, she thrived as a mother, businesswoman and farm manager.

Elizabeth highlights the important roles women have played in Australian history. Elizabeth Macarthur wasn't just a pioneer in the traditional sense, but also a pioneer of the Women's Rights Movement that gained momentum later in the 1800's. In times when women had no rights, when they were actually owned (in Australian law) by their fathers or husbands. Many thrived in a predominately man's world, enduring centuries old prejudices, and overcoming them to find their rightful places in our history. This book celebrates their courage and determination.



9781922998101 | February 2025 | Windy Hollow Books | HB | 32pp | 290x225mm | AUS\$32.99 | NZ\$37.99



Naarm (Melbourne)

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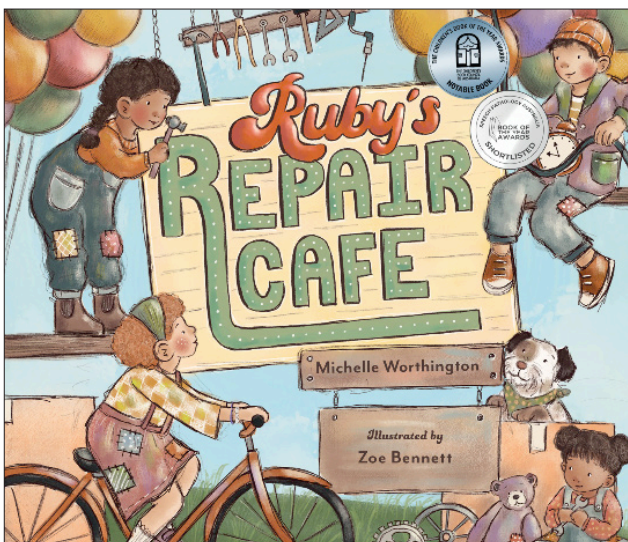
About the author:

Mark Wilson is a multiple award-winning author/illustrator with 39 books in print worldwide in nine languages. Mark has a particular passion for Australian history and the environment, particularly endangered animals, exploring these themes through his picture books and workshops. He was also presented with the 2011 Dromkeen Medal for Services to Children's Literature.

Mark Wilson lives in Melbourne.

Mark's previous picture book *Caroline* was named a Notable book by the CBCA in 2024.





RUBY'S REPAIR CAFE

MICHELLE WORTHINGTON, ILLUSTRATED BY ZOE BENNETT

- **Now in paperback!**
- This book offers a crucial starting point for children to talk about sustainability. Learning about it can be lots of fun and thinking about getting something fixed instead of throwing it away is a positive way we can all contribute with our actions every single day
- Key themes are sustainability, friendship and community
- Delightful and expressive illustrations by talented illustrator

Age range 3 to 6

Ruby loves to fix things, rather than throwing them away. When a shiny new department store opens next door to Ruby's Repair Cafe, everyone in town soon forgets about fixing things. But will Ruby be able to save her family business from big business before the rubbish takes over the town?



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9781923145672 | February 2025 | New
Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm |
AUS16.99 | NZ\$19.99



Meanjin (Brisbane);
Warrane (Sydney)

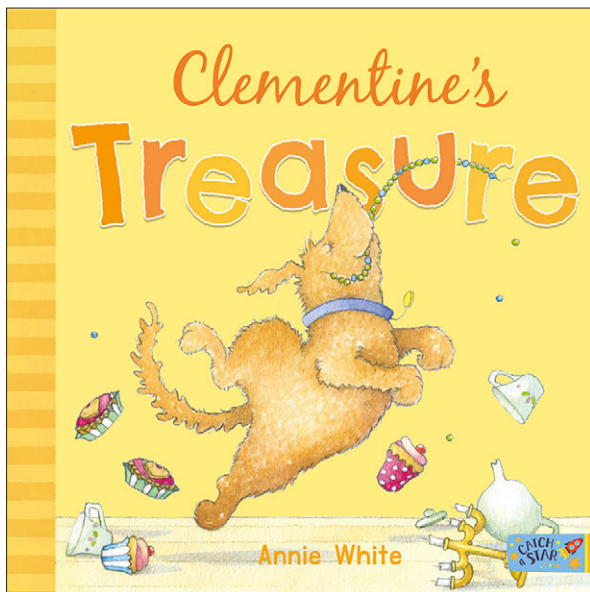
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About the author and illustrator:

Michelle Worthington was born in Brisbane, Queensland, and currently lives in the Redland City. Since a very early age, Michelle has had a love for words and rhyme, and has always excelled at English and creative writing. Michelle has three boys who love to read and she has read them a bedtime story every night of their lives. They are her inspiration and motivation. She is an international award-winning author and businesswoman, and a real life bookfairy. As Founder of Share Your Story Digital, she waves her wand to coach aspiring authors and illustrators all over the world achieve their dreams of publication. Whether she's a fairy, a mermaid, a pirate or an elf, Michelle celebrates empowering readers and storytellers to dream big. You can find her on Twitter @michelle_author and Instagram @michelle.author. Website: www.michelleworthington.com

Zoe Bennett is a children's illustrator from Sydney. She creates character-driven watercolour, gouache and digital illustrations which capture the playfulness, curiosity, candidness and diversity of childhood. Designing unique characters and worlds with tailored colour palettes and style is her favourite thing to do. *Ruby's Repair Cafe* is her second picture book. Outside illustration, Zoe is passionate about animal welfare advocacy and is finishing a degree in Animal Health and Welfare from the University of Sydney. When she's not in the studio, Zoe loves spending time surrounded by animals, the ocean and good books. You can find Zoe on her Instagram page @zuebennettillustration.



CLEMENTINE'S TREASURE

ANNIE WHITE

- **Now in paperback!**
- **Award-winning illustrator/author has illustrated over 80 books**
- ***Clementine's Treasure* is written in rhyme, which not only introduces children to the imaginative potential of books, but also aids in early reading development through an understanding of phonetics**
- ***Clementine's Treasure* is the third book in a collectible series**

****CBCA Notable Book 2023****

Age range 3 to 6

Clementine has her eyes on only one thing when the Queen comes to tea — a sparkly royal necklace! When the jewel goes missing, everyone, including Clementine, searches high and low to find it.



9781923331006 | February 2025 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x240mm | AU\$16.99 | NZ\$19.99



Naarm (Melbourne)

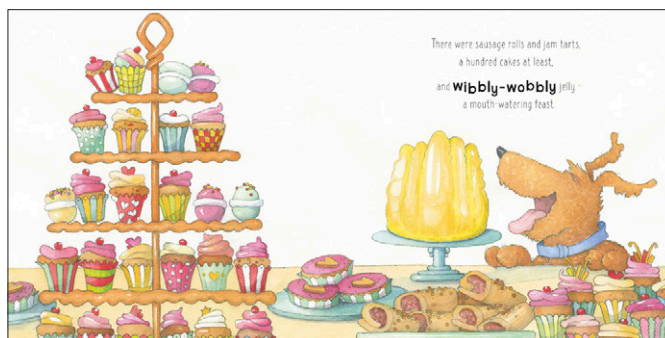
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About the author:

Annie White is a freelance Illustrator who has drawn all her life. After studying Art and Design, she worked in Advertising before moving into Illustration full

time. Annie has illustrated for children for many years and has had over 70 books published. Two of her picture books, *Mbobo Tree* (Glenda Millard) and *My Dad Is A Bear* (Nicola Connelly) were CBCA Notable books and *My Dad Is A Bear* was shortlisted in the 2015 Prime Minister's Literary Awards. Annie uses pencil, ink, watercolour and sometimes oils in her illustrations and likes to communicate her ideas clearly and simply using expression and movement. Recently Annie has also begun to write and her books, *Clementine's Walk* and *Clementine's Bath* were shortlisted in the 2014 and 2016 Speech Pathology Book Awards. *Clementine's Treasure* was selected as a CBCA Notable book in 2023. To know more, please visit www.anniewhite.com





SARAH'S HEAVY HEART

PETER CARNAVAS

- **New edition!**
- **A springboard for discussing mental health with young children**
- **Key themes are friendship and love**
- **Quirky illustrations and playful text by award-winning author/illustrator**
- **Peter Carnavas's books have been published widely across the world and have won many awards, including a Queensland Literary Award and the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards**

Age range 3 to 6

'Sarah knew the heart would always be hers to carry. She just wished it wasn't so heavy.'

A magical story about a little girl's search for friendship and love. Follow Sarah on her journey and let your heart get 'carried away'.

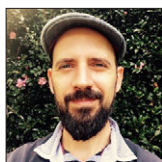


9781923145887 | February 2025 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU\$16.99 | NZ\$19.99



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(Gold Coast)**

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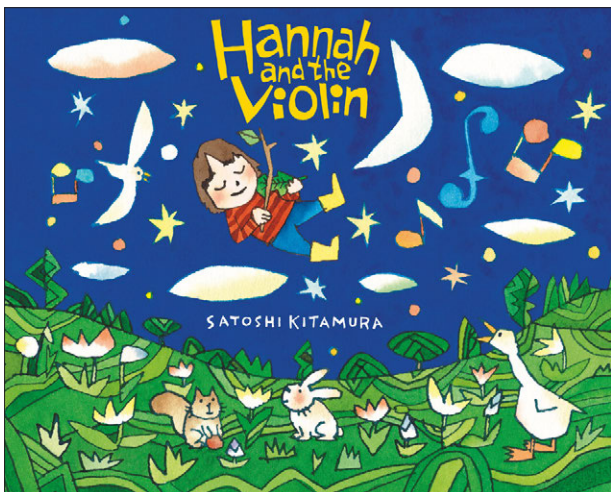


About the author:

Peter Carnavas writes and illustrates books for children. He has created many picture books, including *The Children Who Loved Books*, *Last Tree in the City*

and *Blue Whale Blues*, as well as several novels, *The Elephant* and *My Brother Ben*. Peter's books have been published widely across the world and have won many awards, including a Queensland Literary Award and the Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Peter also works as a teacher librarian, and he lives on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, with his wife, two daughters, a dog and a cat. Peter can be contacted on Facebook: Peter Carnavas Author/Illustrator.





HANNAH AND THE VIOLIN

SATOSHI KITAMURA

- Shows what makes up music: instruments, voices, the sounds of nature (insects and birds), rhythm, imagination...all combine here to create a magical concert
- Shows what music helps us do: dance, sing, share our joy with others and transport us to new worlds
- Depicts lots of different instruments with gorgeously colourful and amusing illustrations
- Reminds us that simple objects can make the best toys
- By an award-winning author and illustrator translated into over 20 languages

Age range 3 to 6

Music and imagination combine to create an unforgettable experience!

When Hannah spots a leaf on the grass, she thinks it looks like a violin, and decides to see if she can play it. Soon everything is singing and dancing to the music!

A joyful book that celebrates play, creativity and the imagination within us all.



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9781915252821 | February 2025 | Sallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 220x275mm | AU\$29.99 | NZ\$34.99

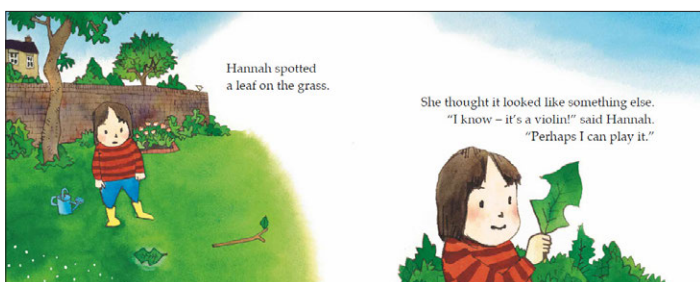
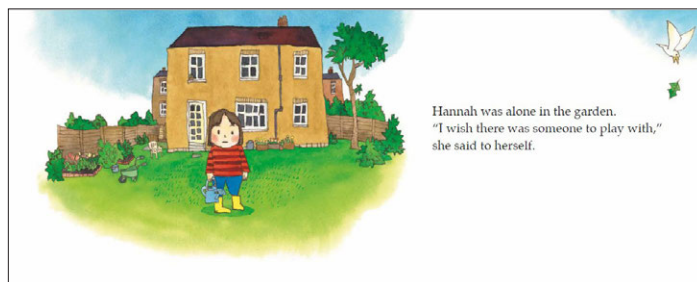
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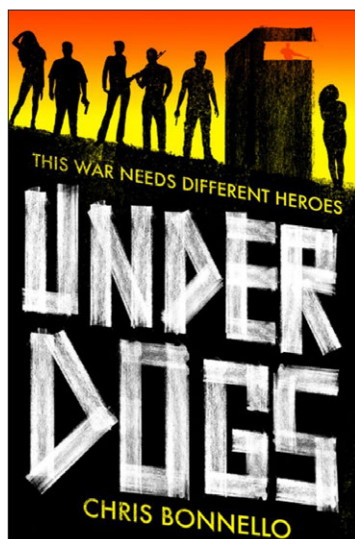


About the author:

Satoshi Kitamura currently lives in Japan, but spent many years in London where he created a fan base amongst bookshops and educators.

He has created over 20 picture books, and illustrated many more winning awards such as the Mother Goose Award, Silver Award for the Smarties Prize, and the National Art Library Illustrations Award.





UNDERDOGS

CHRIS BONNELLO

- **The second instalment in the *Underdogs* series, *Tooth and Nail*, was a top-three finalist for the Guardian Not the Booker Prize**
- **Bonello launched the website Autistic Not Weird in 2015 to share his personal and professional perspective on living and working with autism. It has since attracted over 127k Facebook followers and 2.5 million website hits, and Chris has been invited to speak on the subject all over the world**

Age range 12 to 18

A near-future war novel, where neurodiverse teenagers who escaped an attack on their school become the last hope of freeing the British people.

One million cloned soldiers. A nation imprisoned. A group of neurodiverse rebels fighting back.

Britain as we know it lies destroyed. In the aftermath of the most daring military coup in history, the surviving population is crammed inside giant Citadels, watched over by an army of cloned soldiers. The hope of a nation lies in a tiny number of freedom fighters hidden in the abandoned countryside – most of whom are teenagers who escaped the attack on their special school.

Seen by many as no more than misfits and 'problem children', this band of fighters could never have imagined the responsibility that now rests on their shoulders.



9781789650358 | February 2025 | Unbound | PB | 304pp | 198x129mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



GNOMES AND SNEEZES

ASIA CITRO, ILLUSTRATED BY MARION LINDSAY

- **Original, exciting and educational, this page-turner follows Zoey as she runs experiments, does research, and asks lots of smart questions**
- **Zoey teach kids how to keep a science journal through her handwritten entries**

Age range 6 to 8

When Sophie shows Zoey a special hidden room in her new house, Zoey thinks things can't get any more exciting. But then Zoey hears something Sophie can't... could it mean a new magical creature? Soon Zoey learns about a mysterious illness, but she just can't seem to cure it. Will Zoey and Sassafra be able to help their new friends in time?

About the series:

Zoey and Sassafra's stars two friends – a girl and her pet cat – who meet a host of magical animals with problems that must be solved through science!

Each story is complete with a glossary of the kid friendly definitions of scientific terms used in the book.



9781959244059 | February 2025 | The Innovation Press | PB | 96pp | 191x133mm | AU \$12.99 | NZ \$14.99 | DISC: GEN



STARRY BLANKETS

Poems for Bedtime

EVE MERRIAM, EDITED BY RYAN G. VAN CLEAVE, ILLUSTRATED BY SEJUNG KIM

- A new, curated collection of poems from award-winning poet Eve Merriam
- A fun way to add poetry to the bedtime routine
- The first time these poems have been in one picture book collection

Age range 3 to 8

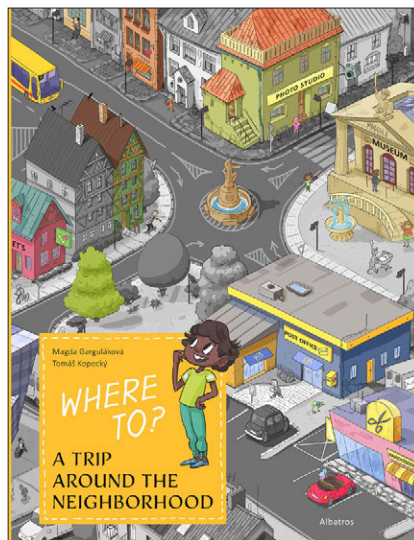
Eve Merriam's beloved poetry tenderly holds our hearts in this timeless collection of bedtime poetry. Gorgeous illustrations and dreamy stanzas lull even the liveliest little one off to sleep.

'You be the tree, I'll be the pears, carry me, carry me, up the stairs.'

Starry Blankets: Poems for Bedtime is perfect for lap reading or snuggling under the covers, includes more than twenty of Merriam's most known and most loved poems. Selected from across her long career, this collection is a great introduction to this icon in children's poetry.



9781638193098 | February 2025 | Moonshower | HB | 32pp
| 254x203mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



WHERE TO?

A Trip Around the Neighborhood

MAGDA GARGULAKOVA, ILLUSTRATED BY TOMAS KOPECKY

- A captivating guide that empowers kids to navigate the city with confidence
- Combines practical information with fascinating facts about the city's history, landmarks, and hidden gems
- By mastering city navigation from above, kids develop a sense of confidence and independence. This book helps them feel capable of exploring their surroundings and discovering new places

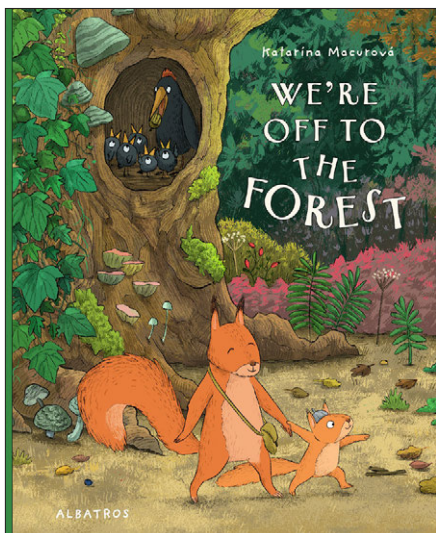
Age range 6 to 9

Embark on a city adventure as eight kids navigate urban life, exploring essential places, learning about community helpers, and fostering confidence and independence in young readers.

In *Where To? A Trip Around the Neighborhood*, join eight adventurous friends as they embark on a journey through their city, tackling everyday challenges and exploring exciting places like the post office, photo studio, museum, and more. Each child faces unique situations, offering young readers a chance to navigate urban life, solve problems, and discover the wonders hidden in familiar places.



978800072906 | February 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 40pp
| 279x213mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN



WE'RE OFF TO THE FOREST
KATARINA MACUROVA

- Immerse young readers in the beauty of changing seasons, from fluttering leaves to the crisp autumn air, as the forest prepares for winter
- Experience a tale both ordinary and extraordinary, teaching the power of care and growth in the vast world, resonating with warmth and impactful lessons about ecological responsibility

Age range 3 to 6

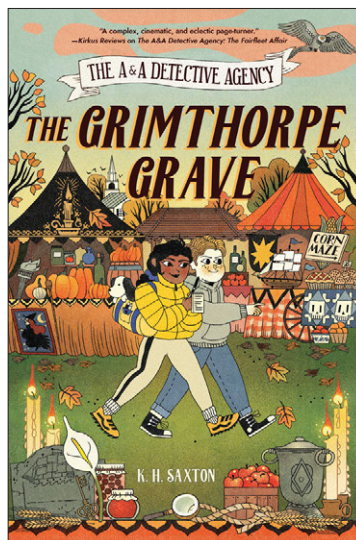
Join a charming daddy squirrel and his son on a heartwarming autumn adventure, discovering nature's magic and ecological lessons in this enchanting picture book for young children.

We're Off to the Forest paints a vivid autumn picture as leaves cascade in a dance of colour. Daddy squirrel and son venture into the forest daily, not just for supplies but also for something special. Amidst the rustling leaves and chilling air, a heartwarming story emerges, revealing the extraordinary in the ordinary and how even the smallest things can weave magic into the vast world.

This book is a heartwarming addition to *Katarina's Small Wonders* series, an enchanting collection by award-winning illustrator Katarina Macurova. This hardcover with a dust jacket promises not just a captivating tale but also valuable lessons for young minds.



9788000072890 | February 2025 | Albatros Media | HB | 32pp | 284x226mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN



THE A&A DETECTIVE AGENCY: THE GRIMTHORPE GRAVE
K. H. SAXTON

- Alex and Asha's world is populated with believable characters from a variety of cultural backgrounds
- The novel makes literature and history compelling while also grappling with the topic of repatriation of cultural artifacts

Age range 8 to 12

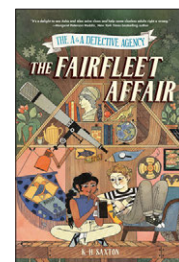
Alex and Asha of the A&A Detective Agency are on the case! Summer is over, and Asha and Alex haven't had a decent case in months. But just as a chill begins to stir the air, and the autumn leaves start to turn, Dr. Wright from the Fairfleet Institute comes to them with a cryptic note, signed by 'The Witch of Waverly College', the notorious witch from Northbrook's colonial past.



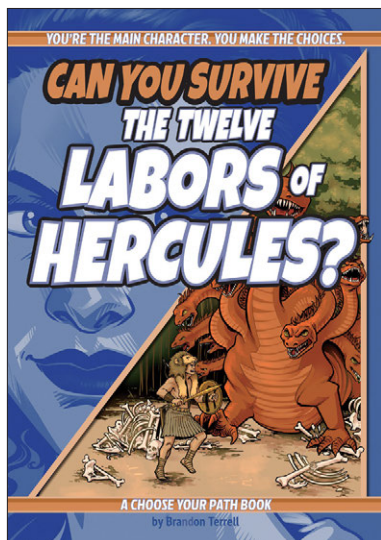
9781454950165 | February 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 336pp | 209x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

Also available:

THE A&A DETECTIVE AGENCY: THE FAIRFLEET AFFAIR
K. H. SAXTON



9781454950134 | February 2024 | Union Square Kids | PB | 272pp | 209x139mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



CAN YOU SURVIVE THE TWELVE LABORS OF HERCULES?

A Choose Your Path Book

BRANDON TERRELL, ILLUSTRATED BY KAT BAUMANN

- **Hercules is perhaps the best-known hero from Greek Mythology, and he is often discussed as one of the first superheroes**
- **Books about fantasy and magic are always popular – in this interactive adventure, the reader takes on the role of a hero on a mystical quest**
- **Video-game-in-a-book format that's perfect for today's kids – including reluctant readers**

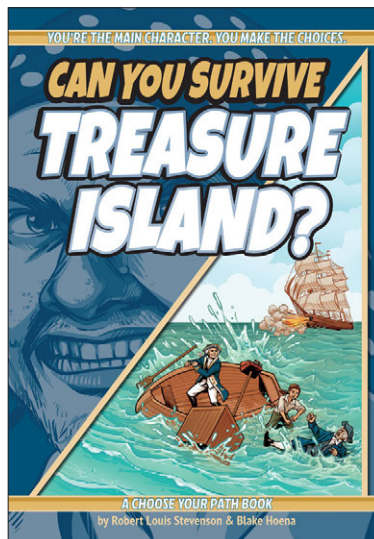
Age range 9 to 13

Become the super-powered hero Hercules, and make choices to survive one of Greek Mythology's most famous stories in this Choose Your Path adventure.

You are Hercules, a superhero from Greek Mythology. You've made a dangerous enemy: the goddess Hera. She's out to destroy you, and the only way to save yourself is by completing 12 perilous labours. Defeat an invincible lion, slay the many-headed Hydra, battle a six-armed giant, and more. Every moment, your life is at risk. You'll need courage and super-strength to survive such perils as a monstrous dog, a flock of deadly birds, and a troop of Amazon warriors.



9781960084156 | February 2025 | Lake 7 Creative | PB | 152pp | 190x133mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



CAN YOU SURVIVE TREASURE ISLAND?

A Choose Your Path Book

BLAKE HOENA, ILLUSTRATED BY KAT BAUMANN

- **Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* is a timeless classic – one of the most beloved novels of all time**
- **Pirate stories are always popular – in this interactive adventure, the reader takes on the role of a young adventurer in search of buried treasure**
- **There is a resurging interest in Choose Your Path books, and this series fills a market need for high-quality options**

Age range 9 to 13

Enter classic literature's famous pirate story, and make choices to survive Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* in this Choose Your Path adventure.

Captain Flint's hoards of gold are buried somewhere on Treasure Island, and only you have the map to find it. You are Jim Hawkins, a quiet youth who stumbles into a thrilling quest. You and your friends set sail to gain riches beyond your wildest dreams – but when your crew reveal themselves as pirates, your island adventure becomes a dangerous struggle to survive. Every moment, your life is at risk. You must use your instincts and your cunning to survive the perils of a dangerous voyage to a mysterious island.



9781960084262 | February 2025 | Lake 7 Creative | PB | 144pp | 190x133mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

THE DOOMSDAY ARCHIVES: THE HEART-STEALER MASK

ZACK LORAN CLARK, NICK ELIOPULOS

- **Spooky sells, and the authors put a modern twist on classic middle-grade chills by weaving in Wikis, creepypastas, and illustrated elements that feel true to how kids seek out the creepy corners of TikTok and Reddit**

Age range 8 to 12

The next installment in *The Doomsday Archives* introduces an alluring new occult relic and a sinister new foe – a masked monster that lures victims with visions of their hearts' desires.

Unlike her friends Emrys and Serena, Hazel is struggling to adjust to magic and to their new roles as the secret protectors of New Rotterdam. She's already worried about her mum, who works endless shifts at the hospital to make ends meet, and now she also has to worry about defending their entire town from supernatural forces. If only Hazel could figure out how to use her relic, the Magnus Crown, which has the power to transform matter, including turning lead into gold.



9781638930327 | February 2025 | Zando Young Readers | HB | 208pp | 209x139mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

XAVIER'S VOICE

ILLUSTRATED BY TATIANA GARDEL, AUTHOR ASHLEY FRANKLIN

- **Heartwarming picture book about dealing with anxiety**

Age range 6 to 8

Xavier wishes his small voice was bigger and the anxious feeling he gets when trying to make friends was smaller. He makes many attempts to be louder, but he still isn't able to connect with any of his classmates. As Xavier withdraws into the world of his sketchbook, he wonders will he ever be able to make friends with such a small voice?



'This narrative will speak to many young people grappling with anxiety as Franklin creates a safe environment for introspection and growth...An encouraging story for those who struggle to be heard.' – *Kirkus Reviews*

9781959244035 | February 2025 | The Innovation Press | HB | 48pp | 248x248mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

JOHN THE SKELETON

TRIINU LAAN, TRANSLATED BY ADAM CULLEN, ILLUSTRATED BY MARJA-LIISA PLATS

- **Award-winning illustrator Marja-Liisa Plats crafts intricate, endearing illustrations that light up every page**

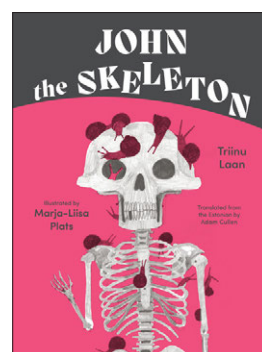
****Winner, Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition 2022****

****2021 The White Ravens catalogue****

****Winner, Tartu Prize for Children's Literature 2021****

Age range 5 to 8

Everyone deserves a quiet, restful retirement. But for John, a newly retired classroom skeleton, life is just beginning. When John is adopted by Grams and Gramps and leaves the classroom to live on their farm, every day is an exciting new adventure: John rides in the car for the first time, makes a snow angel, scares away crooks, and becomes a source of comfort for Grams, Gramps, and their grandkids.

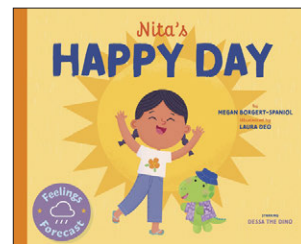
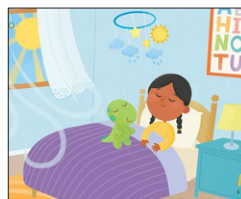


9781632063700 | February 2025 | Yonder | HB | 64pp | 255x190mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

NITA'S HAPPY DAY

MEGAN BORGERT-SPANIOL, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA DEO

- **Expert-backed approach of externalising and reframing emotions**
- **Diversity throughout series including disability representation reviewed by a Pediatric Rehabilitation Specialist**



Age range 5 to 7

A happy day is the best day – like sunshine with no clouds to be seen, right? Well, not always. Nita realises her happy day is a not-so-happy one for her brother. This delightful take on happiness encourages readers to think of others, especially when feeling happy! How can we help those in our community to feel happiness too? Emotions come and go, like the weather, so let's spread happiness to others whenever we can. Friendly text and charming illustrated characters present this core SEL concept with humor and a focus on community.



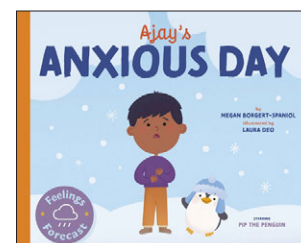
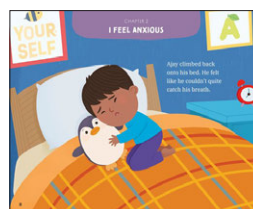
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9798887702070 | February 2025 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 203x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

AJAY'S ANXIOUS DAY

MEGAN BORGERT-SPANIOL, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA DEO

- **Core SEL curriculum informed by CASEL standards**
- **A charming story exploring anxiety and how to cope with it, developed with a Mayo Clinic pediatric psychologist**



Age range 5 to 7

When Ajay's mum leaves for a business trip, he recognises the telltale signs of anxiety, like feeling his heart beat and an upset stomach. Young readers discover in this sweet story that they are more than capable of handling a wave of anxiety. This take on the familiar feeling uses approachable text and charming illustrations to give readers the tools they need to handle the sudden storm of anxiety.



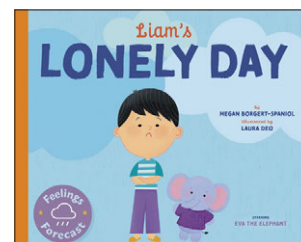
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9798887702223 | February 2025 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 203x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

LIAM'S LONELY DAY

MEGAN BORGERT-SPANIOL, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA DEO

- **Mayo Clinic Expertise: Created in collaboration with Emily McTate, Ph.D., L.P., Pediatric Psychologist at the Mayo Clinic Children's Center**
- **Diversity throughout series including disability representation reviewed by a Pediatric Rehabilitation Specialist**



Age range 5 to 7

With his sister away and his mum in a meeting, Liam starts to feel pretty lonely. Kids are familiar with feeling happy or sad, but loneliness is a unique feeling that's often not discussed, including for adults! This friendly introduction to the feeling encourages readers to think of loneliness and all feelings like the weather: they come and go, and they never last forever. But we can prepare for all feelings, including loneliness. Charming illustrations and accessible text explore the feeling of loneliness and how we can handle it with kindness to ourselves and others.



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9798887702278 | February 2025 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 203x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

MINILINGO ITALIAN / ENGLISH BILINGUAL FLASHCARDS

Bilingual memory game

CREATED BY WORLDWIDE BUDDIES

- **Simple and colourful illustrations with their equivalent words and pronunciations**
- **Can be played with or without using words**
- **Great to enhance language learning and memorisation skills**

Age range 2 to 12

42 cards (21 sets) of Italian/English flashcards for playing memory and snap, or as simple learning flashcards.

Get the whole family together for endless hours of fun with these versatile and educational bilingual cards.



9798988932635 | February 2025 | Worldwide Buddies | PD | 42pp | 88x88mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

DRAWING CHIBI FOOD

Learn How to Draw Kawaii Onigiri, Adorable Dumplings, Yummy Donuts, and Other Cute and Tasty Dishes

TESSA CREATIVE ART

- **Learn step-by-step tutorials on how to draw a variety of anime- and manga-style foods, including chibi bentos, tacos, pancakes, boba, and more**

Age range 9 to 12

It's time to take your drawing skills to the next level with *Drawing Chibi Food!* A comprehensive guide with easy-to-follow instructions and handy practice pages, this latest installment in the *Drawing Chibi* series will make you want to grab a delicious snack along with your sketchbook and begin drawing the most adorable versions of your favourite foods.

Whether you're a budding artist or a drawing master, *Drawing Chibi Food* makes sketching foods from all around the world in an adorable anime-style fun and easy!

9781646047093 | February 2025 | Ulysses Press | PB | 128pp | 229x178mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



I WOULDN'T HURT A FLY

TEXT BY MARIE-PIER MEUNIER, ILLUSTRATED BY VALÉRIE DESROCHERS, TRANSLATED BY ROBIN BRIGHT

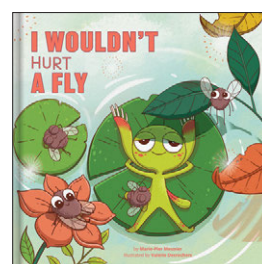
- **Funny and colourful, this book is perfect to have a conversation with children about food habits**
- **Beautiful rhymes with vivid metaphors help enrich vocabulary**

Age range 3+

A fun and humorous story about a carnivorous plant who wouldn't eat flies.

Beyond any doubt, Venus would not harm a fly. But for a carnivorous plant, not eating flies is a little...fishy. It just doesn't seem possible. Other plants question her choices and spread rumours about her. How will Venus handle the criticism and will she be able to stand up for herself? A humorous story that tackles themes of self-confidence, assertiveness, and the respect for differences.

9782898025006 | February 2025 | CrackBoom! Books | HB | 28pp | 222x222mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



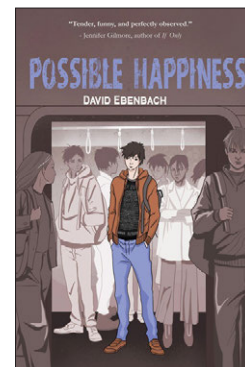
POSSIBLE HAPPINESS

DAVID EBENBACH

- **Bringing tender humour to serious themes of mental health and identity, this is a book that's poignant and real**

Age range 15+

Eleventh-grader Jacob Wasserman is just trying to get by. Under the radar, he spends his weekends at home by himself, leaning on TV and video games to distract himself from the weight – these days we would call it depression – inside him. But he's secretly got a quirky sense of humour, and, when he starts letting it show, he finally gets noticed. In fact, before he knows it, Jacob's ability to keep people entertained has drawn him into a full-time social life, complete with a circle of friends, parties, and even a girlfriend. But is this newfound acceptance enough to unlock meaningful well-being? Is this entertainer even the real Jacob? *Possible Happiness* is a funny and tender coming-of-age story about developing the courage to face and understand yourself.



9781646035021 | February 2025 | Fitzroy Books | PB | 234pp | 216x140mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

MUSIC MAVENS

15 Women of Note in the Industry

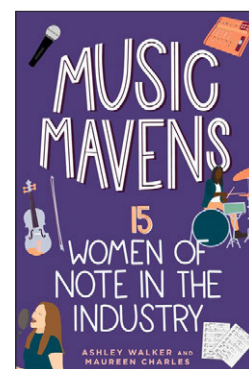
ASHLEY WALKER, MAUREEN CHARLES

- **Now in paperback!**
- **15 extraordinary musicians reveal how they turned their passions into platforms**

Age range 12+

Nothing moves us like music.

Music Mavens transports readers around the world (and beyond) – to a jazz performance in Genoa, an instrument lab in London, a Tokyo taiko dojo, a New York City beatbox battle, and even a film scoring session aboard the starship *Enterprise*, to name a few. Along the way, it spotlights artists whose work spans musical genres and industry roles, including composing and songwriting, performing and conducting, audio engineering, producing, and rock photography.



9798890680082 | February 2025 | Chicago Review Press | PB | 224pp | 216x140mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

NICHOLAS QUICK AND THE MAN FROM THE CHAOS DIMENSION

H. L. ROMQUIST

- **First in a new early middle-grade fantasy mystery series**
- **Nonstop action drives the plot to a great cliffhanger**

Age range 8 to 12

A hilarious, fantastical, middle-grade novel full of magic, hijinks, gangsters and a talking dog! Welcome to the world of Nicholas Quick! Full of guffaws, this book will get you rooting for the most unlikely team of magicians since Harry Potter.

When twelve-year-old boy Nicholas Quick and his parents try to run from gangsters, Nicholas is shocked to find himself left behind when their car just disappears. The last thing his parents tell him to do is to run, so he does...and is pursued by a pair of magical gangsters.

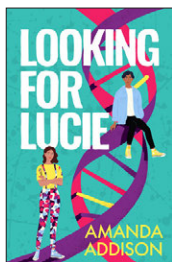


9781638191902 | February 2025 | Milk + Cookies | PB | 256pp | 216x140mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

LOOKING FOR LUCIE

AMANDA ADDISON

- **Includes bonus material: Lucie's art class portfolio in the end matter with a QR code to the author's own artwork**
- **Inspired by the author's own experiences discovering her ethnic history**



Age range 11 to 18

Looking for Lucie is a contemporary YA novel that explores identity, self-discovery, and newfound friendship as an 18-year-old girl sets out to uncover her ethnic heritage and family history.

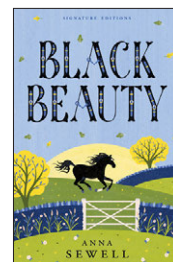
'Where are you really from?' It's a question every brown girl in a white-washed town is familiar with, and one that Lucie has never been able to answer. All she knows is that her mother is white, she's never met her father, and she looks nothing like the rest of her family. She can't even talk about it because everyone says it shouldn't matter!

9781911107682 | February 2025 | Neem Tree Press | PB | 272pp | 198x130mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

BLACK BEAUTY

ANNA SEWELL

- **Bold and dynamic covers with a sophisticated design give this unabridged trade paperback classic new life**
- **Affordable pricing and unabridged text make this the go-to edition for summer reading lists and literature course assignments**



Age range 8+

This powerful narrative, told from the perspective of a horse, is now available in an unabridged, paperback edition.

Black Beauty chronicles the life of a horse in Victorian England. At the hands of different owners, he experiences discipline, friendship, overwork, and, ultimately, love. Young readers will be moved by this empathetic novel about animal hardship – a story that's still relevant even today.

9781454956754 | February 2025 | Union Square Kids | PB | 216pp | 203x133mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

A WAY HOME

EMILY BREWIN

- **A *Way Home* is a big-hearted novel that explores the complexities of growing up with a parent who is struggling, and about the places and people we call home**



****Winner, Readings Prize 2024, Gab Williams Prize****

Age range 13+

Sixteen-year-old Grace lives under a bridge in Melbourne's CBD. It's cold and wet, but hidden. Safe, at least, until she can go home.

When winter drives her to the City Library one morning, Grace meets Louie, a weird kid with his own problems, and discovers a community piano. The piano reminds Grace of her mum, a celebrated pianist whose mental illness makes life a rollercoaster – and not always a fun one.

9781922858382 | April 2024 | MidnightSun Publishing | PB | 224pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



THE BUNYIP AND THE STARS

ADAM DUNCAN,
ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL LALO

- **Striking illustrations by Paul Lalo have a unique 3D collage style**

****Winner, Australian Museums and Galleries Association Award 2024, Kids in Print Award****

Age range 0 to 6

On a starless night Little Brother leaves the safety of the campfire and is captured by the fearsome bunyip. Big Sister will need everything she has learnt about the bush and her Country to rescue Little Brother and escape the bunyip.

Part Sky Country creation story, part exciting adventure tale, *The Bunyip and the Stars* is the first in a series of five picture books.

9781921953460 | April 2023 | National Museum of Australia | HB | 32pp | 280x255mm | AU \$26.95 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



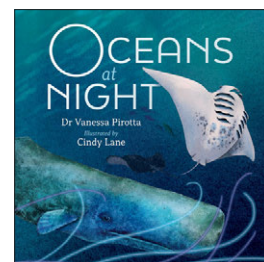


Get beach ready with these summer essentials!



OCEANS AT NIGHT

VANESSA PIROTTA, ILLUSTRATED BY CINDY LANE



- Explores the world's oceans from dusk to dawn
- Lyrical text and beautiful illustrations of the world under the waves

Age range 5 to 9

As night-time nears, a world of creatures come alive in our oceans.

Settle in and explore the wonderful world under the waves, and see what animals do from sunset to sunrise. From penguins to sharks, giant squid and plankton, discover the fascinating after-dark lives of ocean creatures.

Oceans at Night showcases the beauty and wonder of life below the sea, so dive deep and discover what happens while you sleep!

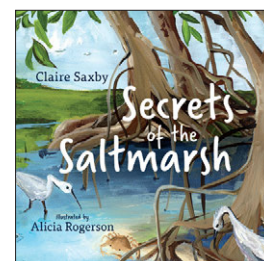


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9781486317233 | June 2024 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

SECRETS OF THE SALTMARSH

CLAIRE SAXBY, ILLUSTRATED BY ALICIA ROGERSON



- Explores the wonders of saltmarsh wetlands found across Australia
- Describes the water cycle, tides, life cycles, plants, animals and migratory birds found in saltmarshes

Age range 5 to 9

You will find me where land meets sea...

Saltmarshes are full of energy and life. They protect our coastlines, and provide food and shelter for migratory birds and microscopic plants and animals. Most of all, saltmarshes are places of discovery and wonder.

With lyrical text and captivating illustrations *Secrets of the Saltmarsh* offers a close-up look at the fascinating world of saltmarsh wetlands.



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9781486317141 | November 2023 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

THE GREAT SOUTHERN REEF

PAUL VENZO, PRUE FRANCIS, ILLUSTRATED BY CATE JAMES



- A story about a relatively unknown part of Australia's ocean environments – the Great Southern Reef

Age range 6 to 9

Join Professor Seaweed and her friends Frankie and Sam to learn more about one of Australia's best kept secrets!

The Great Southern Reef spans thousands of kilometres along the coast from northern New South Wales to Western Australia. It is home to giant kelp forests and fascinating animals such as rock lobsters, sea snails and sponges. Explore the sandy beaches with this inquisitive trio, and discover marine curiosities that are washed up along the coast after a big storm.



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9781486315314 | May 2022 | CSIRO Publishing | HB | 32pp | 250x250mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN



Get beach ready with these summer essentials!



SUPER OCEAN WEEKEND

The Ultimate Underwater Adventure

GAËLLE ALMÉRAS, TRANSLATED BY DAVID WARRINER

- ***Super Ocean Weekend* shares Squeak, Orni, Castor, and Echid's underwater expeditions through an engaging graphic novel format**

Age range 7 to 12

This nonfiction graphic novel takes readers on an aquatic expedition into the Earth's oceans. Get ready for the ultimate underwater adventure into ocean science and marine biology!

Friends Castor and Squeak are camping out on a rocky island with Orni and her cousin, Echid, when they begin to wonder: what really goes on in the depths of the oceans?

Join four friends as they explore the mysterious underwater world; revealing the incredible creatures that live there, the importance of taking care of our oceans, and what we can do to help them thrive!

9781778400681 | October 2024 | Greystone Kids | HB | 172pp | 247x203mm | AU \$34.99 | NZ \$39.99 | DISC: GEN



LUMINOUS

Living Things That Light Up the Night

JULIA KUO

- **The depiction of vibrant bioluminescent species against an unusual black backdrop creates an unforgettable visual experience for readers**

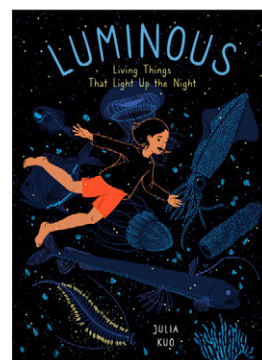
Age range 4 to 8

When it's dark out, we need light to see. But what if your body could make its own light?

From acclaimed author-illustrator Julia Kuo comes a remarkable picture book about bioluminescence, the light made from living things, and its many forms: fireflies and foxfire, fungi and glow-worms, deep-sea fish and vampire squids.

Kuo's radiant art portrays a young child and adult discovering different bioluminescent creatures.

9781771648905 | February 2025 | Greystone Kids | PB | 44pp | 279x203mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN



DOG BEACH

JULIE MURPHY, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNIE WHITE



- **A humorous and fun-loving story of dogs frolicking at a quintessential Aussie beach, featuring a cast of whimsical and zany dogs in all shapes and sizes**

Age range 4 to 6

Going to the beach is a big part of Australian culture and, for many people, so are dogs! This book doubles the fun, celebrating all of the different types of dogs that Australians love, from working dogs to lap dogs. Follow them as they run amuck along the sunny shores of Australia.

With bright and dreamy illustrations by Annie White, this short, rhythmic story will capture the attention of all beach and dog loving children, and even their parents!

9781922507709 | November 2024 | National Library of Australia | HB | 32pp | 260x260mm | AU \$24.99 | NZ \$29.99 | DISC: GEN

